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In re Application of
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DECISION GRANTING PETITION

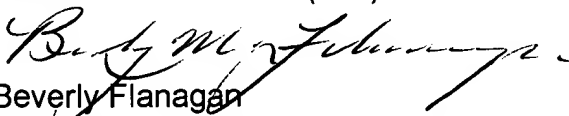
This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) filed on June 4, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of September 28, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of August 28, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on September 28, 2001. In support, on June 4, 2002, petitioner supplied a copy of Express Mail receipt No. EL823499303US (the same Express Mail number found on the itemized transmittal sheet accompanying the original application papers located in the official file) showing a United States Postal Service official postmark dated September 28, 2001.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is required.

The application is being forwarded to Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing and issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Charlema R. Grant at (703) 306-0251.


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